

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given to this application. Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-23, and 25-31 are pending in this application. No claim amendments are presented at this time. Thus, no new matter has been added.

The Examiner has restricted the application into two invention groups as follows:

- I. Claims 1-4, 6-7, and 9-16 drawn to a composition for encapsulating a chemical or biological agent, comprising a polyamine or oxirane; and
- II. Claims 17-23 and 25-31 drawn to a method of encapsulating a chemical or biological agent with a composition comprising a polyamine or oxirane.

Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Group I (claims 1-4, 6-7, and 9-16) drawn to a composition for encapsulating a chemical or biological agent, comprising a polyamine or oxirane. Applicant respectfully submits that the search classification for Groups I and II will substantially overlap and that such searches can be concurrently performed by the Examiner. Applicant asserts that Group II merely defines a method of using something which could be described by Group I. Therefore, the Examiner will not be seriously burdened by searching and considering all of the claims presented in the pending application, and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement from the inventions of Groups I and II is respectfully requested.

The foregoing response is made specifically in the interest of expediting prosecution and there is no intention of surrendering any range of equivalents to which Applicant would otherwise be entitled.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has timely filed this response. In the event that an additional fee is required for this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0436.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application or need further information, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned.

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